

**645—200.4 (147) Examination requirements for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.** The following criteria shall apply to the written examination(s):

**200.4(1)** The applicant shall take and pass the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) or other nationally recognized equivalent examination as defined by the board.

**200.4(2)** The applicant shall abide by the following criteria:

*a.* For examinations taken prior to July 1, 1994, satisfactory completion shall be defined as receiving an overall examination score exceeding 1.5 standard deviations below the national average.

*b.* For examinations completed after July 1, 1994, satisfactory completion shall be defined as receiving an overall examination score equal to or greater than the criterion-referenced passing point recommended by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

**200.4(3)** Before the board may approve an applicant for testing beyond three attempts, an applicant shall demonstrate evidence satisfactory to the board of having successfully completed additional coursework. The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) determines the total number of times an applicant may take the examination in a lifetime. The board will not approve an applicant for testing when the applicant has exhausted the applicant's lifetime opportunities for taking the examination, as determined by FSBPT.

**200.4(4)** The applicant shall be notified by the board in writing of examination results.

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